GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1915
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2000
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the spread of Cholera in many parts of the country;

(b) whether the National Institute of Cholera, Calcutta has made any study in this regard; (

(c) if so, the State-wise details thereof particularly in Kerala; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to combat this disease in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WERLFARE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)

(a) As per the information available with Central Bureau of HealthIntelligence, the number of cholera cases and deaths reported during 1997-1999 are as given below:

		1997	1998	1999
I	No. of States/Uts reporting Cholera	12	11	10
II	No. of cases	3173	3554	1946
III	No. of deaths	18	05	04

(Figures are provisional)

(b) Yes, Sir. The National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Calcutta has made several investigations on different cholera outbreaks in the country during 1998-2000.

(c) A statement indicating number of cases and deaths state-wise including Kerala is annexed.

(d) Government of India has initiated the Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) Programme in1986-87 with the objective of preventing diarrhoea associated deaths in children due to dehydration. The goal set under the programme is reduction of deaths due to diarrhoeal diseases in children by 30% by 1995 and 70% by 2000 AD. The strategies under the programme includes:

- Increase in the use of home made fluids and ORS at home levels:
- Continued feeding:
- Improve maternal knowledge:
- Increase in accessibility of ORS through Government channels and private sector by appropriate social marketing:
- Standardisation of ORS packets:
- Better case management by workers as well as medical practitioners at all service facilities:
- Surveillance of cases and deaths from diarrhoea:

Government of India is also providing safe drinking water through Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission.

Government has also launched a National Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases in selected districts for detection of early warning signals of outbreaks and rapid response for prevention and control of such outbreaks.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha U.S.Q.No. 1915 for 7.3.2000

STATE-WISE CHOLERA CASES AND DEAHTS, INDIA, 1997-1999

S.No	Name of the State	1997		1998		1999	
		C	D	C	D	C	D
1	Andhra Pr.	107	1	39	0	0	0
2	Arunachal Pr.	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Assam	0	0	0	0	-	-
4	Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Goa	0	0	10	0	2	0
6	Gujarat	31	0	90	0	22	0
7	Haryana	21	0	55	0	18	0
8	Himachal Pr.	0	0	0	0	6	1
9	J & K	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Karnataka	725	9	283	1	81	1
11	Kerala	14	1	56	0	6	0
12	Madhya Pr.	16	2	-	-	-	-
13	Maharashtra	737	1	1054	4	128	2
14	Manipur	0	0	17	0	0	0
15	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Orissa	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Punjab	1	0	3	0	3	0
20	Rajasthan	103	0	7	0	0	0
21	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Tamil Nadu	-	-	900	0	581	0
23	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Uttar Pradesh	21	0	-	-	-	-
25	West Bengal	369	0	108	0	185	0
26	Delhi	0	0	-	-	-	-
27	Pondicherry	0	0	3	0	0	0
28	Andman & Nicobar	0	0	-	-	-	-
29	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	D & Haveli	956	0	929	0	914	0
31	Daman & Diu	72	4	0	0	0	0
32	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	3173	18	3554	5	1946	04

C = Cases,
D = Deaths,
0 = Nil,
- = Information not reported

Figures are provisional

Source: CBHI, Directorate General of Health Services, Pushpa Bhawan, Madangir Road, New Delhi